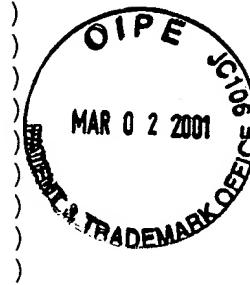


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Sir:

The captioned application was filed on 29 December 1999. This preliminary amendment adds an additional dependent claim. No new matter has been added (see e.g. page 4, lines 17-20; page 6, lines 9-12; and Figures 3, 4, and 5). No additional fee is required.

Amendment A

Please add the following claim:

1 ,218. A cap and container assembly as in claim 3, the
2 neck being substantially symmetrical about a central vertical
3 axis; the neck forming a flexible lip proximate the mouth; the
4 neck further forming an intermediate section below the lip, the
5 intermediate section being generally narrower than the lip and
6 facilitating handling of and pouring from the container when the
7 cap and the container are not engaged.--

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Entry of this Amendment and allowance of the claims is
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